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## THE PEOPLE'S PRESS FOR 1885.

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The Press entered its thirty-third volume on January 1st, 1884.

Now is the time to subscribe. It will be our endeavor to make the Press more interesting and entertaining than ever.

L. V. E. E. T. BLUM,

Salem, N. C., Jan. 5, 1885.

The Rev. Dr. S. Ireneus Prime died on Saturday, at Manchester, Vt., where he was stricken with paralysis last Sunday.

\$6,000,000, is the estimate of the value of property destroyed through careless handling of fire-works on the late fourth.

The Virginia Republicans have nominated John S. Wise for Governor, H. C. Ward for Lieutenant Governor, and Frank S. Blair for Attorney-General.

The State Board of Agriculture met at Raleigh, July 15th, without a member being absent. Messrs. Paddison, Otho Wilson and others, represented the Fruit Growers Association, and applied for \$1,000 to aid in establishing a horticulture department, to encourage truck-farming, etc., etc. Nothing decisive.

The New York Herald reported the several watering places by special train on Sunday. Boston, Newport, Saratoga and Albany at an early hour. Boston had it on Sunday morning in time for breakfast. Newport read it at 8:15. Albany at 10. Saratoga newsboys sold the Herald at 8 a.m. The train time was one mile a minute. The principal cities north had the Herald by breakfast. This is a wonderful age, and the Herald is one of its greatest wonders in the newspaper line.

The country can congratulate itself upon a President and Cabinet who are not afraid to enforce the laws. Among the recent causes of satisfaction is the action of Secretary Whitney in refusing to receive the ship Dolphin. The Secretary referred the matter to the Attorney-General, who decided that the vessel cannot be accepted and that the large sum of money paid to John Roach must be refunded. Roach has made an assignment, and is sick from over anxiety and trouble.

### LATEST NEWS.

LONDON, July 21.—A dispute received here says: The King of Dahomey, western Africa, with a large army, has massacred the French in unprotected villages. The King has also, the dispatch says, captured 1,000 French prisoners, and he and his followers propose to eat all of them.

LONDON, July 21.—A dispatch from Cairo says news has reached there from Kassala, in the Sudan, to the effect that a large force of rebels attacked that place and made several attempts to carry it by assault. They were finally repulsed and the garrison at Kassala following up their victory captured the rebel camps with 2,000 men and 700 rifles. The enemy lost 3,000 men killed and wounded, while the garrison casualties were small.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, July 21.—The trial of Louis Riel for high treason began at Regina yesterday.

GALVESTON, July 21.—A San Antonio special to the Galveston News says: A private letter from Kinney county states that hostile bands of Indians taking advantage of the withdrawal of the cavalry from this district are at large on the frontier. The writer states that two Mexicans at the mouth of Pinto creek, eight at Las Vegas and about twenty at other points have been killed in the trans-Rio Grande, near the border, by Indians, and that a band of 15 raiding warriors have been in Kinney, near Manning, the border ranch. So far as learned no loss of life has attended the Indian raid in Texas.

FORT RENO, July 21.—A special says that Gen. Sheridan has organized an Indian police force of 100 young Cheyennes. It is said that the general in his report will attribute the dissatisfaction among the Indians to the cattle cases.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Admiral Jonet, under date of July 14th, telegraphs the secretary of the Navy from Savanna: "Everything remains quite and unchanged in this vicinity and on the isthmus. I shall soon sail for Hampton Roads with the Tennessee." The Yantic will remain on the Columbian coast.

LONDON, July 15.—Earthquake shocks of great force occurred at midnight last night at Smyrna and at Chios, in Asia Minor.

### Hot in New York.

NEW YORK, July 18.—The weather here to-day was close and sultry. The temperature up to noon registered as follows: 3 a.m., 77; 6 a.m., 79; 9 a.m., 85, and 12 m., 90. At 7 p.m., 85. There will be an auction at 10 o'clock, noon, August 12th.

There will be an auction at 10 o'clock, p.m., August 13th, when all the fruit may be sold on account of the exhibitor without expense to him.

### 4TH ANNUAL FAIR N. C. FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

To be held in Greensboro, Wednesday and Thursday, August 12 & 13.

It is expected to be the largest Fruit Fair ever held in the State.

The State Druggist's Convention will meet in Greensboro at the same time, and through there every town in the State will be represented.

The Express Company agrees to transport all packages of Domestic Fruits, weighing 40 pounds or less, free of charge, and the Express charges on other articles for exhibition will be paid by the Association.

All packages, &c., intended for exhibition must be addressed to the Fruit Growers' Association, Greensboro, N. C.

The following Premiums will be offered, open to the State, without Entrance Fee:

#### CLASS ONE.

Apples (S)—Largest and best collection, not less than one bushel, 1st, \$15, 2nd \$5; best 6 named varieties, 12 specimens of each, 1st \$10, 2nd \$5; preserving Crabs, best assortment, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1.

Pears (S)—Best collection, not less than six varieties, 1st \$10, 2nd \$5; best single variety, 1st \$5, 2nd \$2.

Peaches (S)—Best and largest collection, not less than one bushel, 1st, \$15, 2nd \$5; best 6 named varieties, 12 specimens each, 1st \$10, 2nd \$5.

Nectarines (S)—Best collection, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1.

Figs—Best collection, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1.

Mulberries—Best collection, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1.

Japanese Persimmons—Best collection, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1.

For best collection of any fruit not otherwise named, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1. Greatest variety by one exhibitor, 1st \$10, 2nd \$5.

Only sweepstakes in class one, (marked S) shall be competed for by nurserymen. Others in that class open only to fruit growers and amateurs.

#### CLASS TWO.

Canned Fruits—Best collection put up by one lady, 1st \$10, 2nd \$5; best jar of any single variety, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1.

Preserves—For best collection put up by one lady, 1st \$5, 2nd \$2; best single variety, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1.

Pickled Fruits—Best collection put up by one lady, (sour) 1st \$4, 2nd \$2; best collection put up by one lady, 1st \$4, 2nd \$2.

Jellies—Best collection put up by one lady, 1st \$4, 2nd \$2.

Apple Butter—Best jar, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1.

#### CLASS THREE.

Dried Fruits—Best sundried apples, 1st \$10, 2nd \$5; best sundried peaches, 1st \$10, 2nd \$5; best evaporated apples, 1st \$10, 2nd \$5; best evaporated peaches, 1st \$10, 2nd \$5; best peach leather, 1st \$5, 2nd \$2; best display of dried and evaporated fruits, 1st \$10, 2nd \$5.

Wines—Best collection by manufacturer, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1; best sweet (amateurs only) 1st \$2, 2nd \$1; best dry (amateurs only) 1st \$2, 2nd \$1.

Cider—Sample sweet and hard, each, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1.

#### CLASS FOUR.

Vegetables and Trucks—Best dozen in cabbage, 1st \$3, 2nd \$2; best tomatoes, half bushel, 1st \$2, 2nd \$2; best melons, water, half dozen, 1st \$3, 2nd \$2; best melons, musk, half dozen, 1st \$3, 2nd \$2.

#### CLASS FIVE.

Flowers—Best bouquet, assorted flowers, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1; best bouquet, assorted grasses, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1; best cut roses, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1; best collas, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1; best oleander, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1; best abutilon, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1; best cactus, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1; best geranium, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1; best fuchsias, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1; best caladium, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1; best collection of flowering pot plants in bloom, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1; best collection of foliage pot plants, 1st \$2, 2nd \$1.

Hon. James W. Reed will open the Exposition with an address on Wednesday, August 12th, at 12 M.

Hon. Norman J. Coleman, U. S. Commissioner of Agriculture, and other eminent speakers, have been invited and will make addresses during the Fair.

The Fair will be held in the Banner Warehouse, which is amply large 30x150 feet.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Tickets of admission will be issued on the day of the Fair, at 25 cents each for adults. Children under 12 years, 10 cents.

2. Articles entered for prizes may be the owner's name on them. They shall be known by number and class.

3. Nothing will be allowed to be removed from the hall or exhibition grounds until after 5 o'clock, p.m., on the second day of the Fair, unless by permission of the General Manager, given in writing.

4. No person will be allowed to go near the judges during the inspection.

5. All correspondence regarding entries, &c., previous to the Fair, should be addressed to C. D. Bowen, Greensboro, N. C. Entries can be made at the Fair ground up to 12 o'clock, noon, August 12th.

6. Articles for exhibition will be carefully guarded, and not be used without owner's consent. Canned goods will not be opened.

Music by the Greensboro Cornell Band.

The R. & D., and the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. Companies have agreed to transport visitors to the Fair at two cents a mile each way, and it is expected that other roads will do the same.

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J. VAN LINDLEY, Pres.  
S. O. WILSON, Sec.

### State Schools. Of Interest to County Superintendents.

GATHERED FROM HOME AND ABROAD.

The population of Europe has increased in a century from 145,000,000 to 350,000,000.

Word has been received from the special agent at the Cheyenne agency that the Indians are calming down, and that there is little danger of the uprising so much feared by the people of Kansas.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., July 17.—

Dr. John Stingo Davis, professor of anatomy and materia medica, at the University of Virginia, died this morning of paralysis, after an illness of six weeks.

The Adirondack Steel Works at Jersey City, in which over 100 men were employed, have shut down. The machinery will be sold at public auction. Dulness of trade is the cause of the closing of the works.

Sam Gatwell, an old colored woman still alive in Banks county, Ga., is the mother of 42 children, the youngest of whom has children of her own. She presented her husband with twins on 14 separate occasions.

Mrs. Mary Clemens, aged 102 years 10 weeks, died in Ohio Tuesday morning of old age. She was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, May 1, 1783 and came to America in 1843. She was the mother of 8 children and had thirty-six grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

Scores of detectives armed with rifles and revolvers, are sent to the scene of the lumbermen's strike in Michigan, as trouble was feared. The mayor of Saginaw called upon the governor for protection, and several militia companies were ordered under arms.

All the World's Exposition buildings at New Orleans have been sold at auction to a new company, known as "The North, Central and South American Exposition," for \$175,000. The new company will reopen the W. H. Gardner, of Mobile, president of the National Cotton Exchange, states in an interview that cotton promises to be better this year than any year since the war, with the exception of '75, '78, '80 and perhaps '82. The business outlook, he says, is brighter than it has been for two years.

On Wednesday, of last week, at the De Brisk ranch, twenty miles from Denver, Colorado, 12 out of 118 horses in pasture were killed by lightning. A hail storm had driven the horses against a barbed wire fence, which conducted the lightning through the herd.

Secretary Whitney has ordered that hereafter employees of the Navy Department shall have only thirty days' leave with pay in each calendar year. In cases of illness or disability, where additional leave is deemed just, the Secretary will pass upon the circumstances and decide the case.

NEW YORK, July 17.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all United States ports, September 1st, 1884: Galveston, \$438; New Orleans, 1,513,797; Mobile, 229,152; Savannah, 729,497; Charlestown, 510,999; Wilmington, 91,842; Norfolk, 548,829; Baltimore, 59,902; New York, 99,472; Boston, 83,745; Newport's News, 59,285; Philadelphia, 53,412; West Point, 21,539; Brunswick, 10,887; Port Royal, 5,954; Pensacola, 24,079; City Point, 687; Indianapolis, 11,013.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., July 20.—Recently, the wife of Abe Densor, a wealthy and eccentric German farmer, living west of this city, sued him for divorce, and had him enjoined from disposing of his property. This so incensed him that last night he drove off his stock, including horses worth \$2,000, into the barn, and setting fire to it, burned it to the ground. He is missing, and it is believed he purposely perished in the flames.

Land Commissioner Sparks has rendered an important decision affirming the right of entry under the public land laws and decisions of the Supreme court of the United States of lands heretofore withdrawn by the voluntary action of the general land office for railroad indemnity purposes where no requirements of law existed for making such withdrawals. The effect of this decision, sustained by the Secretary of the Interior, will be to restore to entry under the homestead and other laws many million acres of public land which have been kept out of the market for many years because claimed by railroad corporations.

Terrific Hail Storm.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., July 15.—The vicinity of Saybrook, the scene of the water spout of last Thursday, was yesterday visited by the severest hail storm that has been known in that section for years. The storm continued about 15 minutes, covering the ground with hailstones of unusual size, many of which lay on the ground an hour after the storm had passed. On several farms the corn was torn to pieces and the oats and wheat beaten down. The crops which had escaped the deluge of the 9th inst., were in a fine condition, promising an abundant harvest, but hundred of acres were destroyed yesterday. In many of the dwellings all the panes of glass of the side of the house upon which the storm beat were broken.

Judge Lynch's Work in 1885.

Since the first of January, according to the Chicago Tribune, the persons lynched in the various parts of the country number ninety-nine, of whom 96 were males and 3 females, 58 white and 41 colored.

The States are represented as follows: Alabama 3, Arkansas 1, Florida 2, Georgia 2, Iowa 5, Kansas 1, Kentucky 3, Maryland 1, Mississippi 6, Missouri 5, North Carolina 2, Nebraska 2, Ohio 5, Oregon 2, Tennessee 7, Texas 1, Virginia 3, West Virginia 2.

In the Territories: New Mexico 2, Indian Territory 7, Dakota 1, Montana 3, Washington 1.

It may be also of interest to know

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that of these departed citizens 44 were lynched for murder, 31 for horse and cattle stealing, 14 for rape, 3 for incendiarism, 2 for train wrecking, 2 for murderous assaults, 2 for unknown reasons, and 1 for burglary.

These returns it will be observed, are for six months, and their significance will be apparent when it is stated that the number of lynchings last year was 193, which was an increase of nearly 100 over 1883.

Shoeing Horses.

On light soils that are free from stones horses may generally go unshod without injury. It is probably too sudden to advise to shoe horses in all circumstances at present, but no doubt a colt which has run without shoes for two years, might still go on without them and not suffer. A light shoe without tacks, to protect the crust of the hoof from breaking, and put on without cutting the frog, leaving a space to went naturally, would answer every reasonable purpose where shoes are necessary. These are light steel shoes, made with projecting blunt spurs that give a secure foothold, and are better for the horse than the common, roughly made, heavy iron ones, which are often ignorantly set—American Agency for August.

What is a Right-handed Man?

A right-handed man is a man who takes hold of a hoe, a rake, a spade or a fork with the right hand, holds the left hand up, or grasps the handle of a man who habitually puts his left hand down, or, for instance, the man who places his right hand on the top of a spade, and grasps the handle

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## LOCAL ITEMS.

AN EPITOME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS.

Departure and arrival of Train on the Salem Branch—N. W. N. C. R. R.  
No. 9 Leaves Salem, 6:30 a. m.  
" 10 Arrives " 11:25 a. m.  
" 11 Leaves " 6:55 p. m.  
" 12 Arrives " 1:17 a. m.

WACHOVIA MILLS, Salem, N. C.  
July 21st, 1885.

We now sell 20 bushels mixed Corn for \$14.00. 1000 lbs. Corn Chop for \$14.50.

F. & H. FRIES.

Four negroes attempted to break jail last Tuesday night.

The Forsyth Riflemen left for Asheville on Tuesday last.

Rev. L. B. Wurtschke and Son have returned from their mountain trip.

Henry Null and family have moved to the vicinity of Whitesville, Indiana.

The Methodist District Conference will meet in Winston on the 1st of August.

The State Fruit Fair will be held at Greensboro on the 12th and 13th of August next.

Winston Graded School Committee have decided to open school on the 25th of August.

The Twin City Literary Club has fixed the first Thursday in every month as Ladies' Day.

The early peaches are scarce. The fall crop will come in next month. Green corn is offered freely.

East Salem has a grocery store, with a dozen or more dwellings. It has a neat chapel and a flourishing Sunday School.

Thermometer marked 96 every afternoon for the past few days. The nights are rather more pleasant than last week.

John F. McCutson preached in the Moravian church on Sunday morning last. Rev. John II. Clewell, preached at night.

Rev. Edward Rondthaler, D.D., Principal of Salem Female Academy, is absent on a tour of portions of South Carolina and Georgia.

Willie Tesh, who was employed in the Salem Paper Mill, had several fingers of his left hand cut off by the rag cutter on Thursday last.

Henry Shore, Route Agent on Salem Branch, has been assigned to route between Washington and Charlotte, and Sam Taylor takes his place on the Salem Branch.

Jane Wilson, an old colored woman, living with Jerry Blum, in Salem, died on Sunday morning last aged 124 years. She is returned on the census of 1880 at 119 years, and was acknowledged to be the oldest person in this section.—*Republican*.

Some of our town papers are talking about ancient razors. There is in this place a shaving case, stocked with all tonsorial appliances, among them two razors, which was the property of Matthew Stach, a Moravian missionary to Greenland, one hundred and fifty two years ago. How is that for age.

Oak Ridge Institute, whose advertisement appears elsewhere today, enters upon a new era of prosperity with the beginning of the Fall Term. With new buildings, new furniture, new society halls, full corps of experienced teachers, and the inspiration of past success, the future is full of hope. Fall Term opens August 11th.

NEW TOBACCO FACTORY.—Messrs. Nissen & Co.'s Tobacco Factory commenced operations on Tuesday last. Hands had been picking tobacco for several weeks, and the rolling commenced. Steam will be used instead of hydraulic pressure. This adds another industry to Waughtown, and will enhance the value of real estate. The demand for town lots will be lively on Saturday next. See ad of Mr. Raper, administrator of Geo. Mock, dec'd,

E. A. Boner has shown us a fine species of Ashe county grass, over five feet high. It is somewhat similar to rush, but finer. The specimen we have made into a hand broom and is a curiosity. We were also shown a silk-like down from a pod similar to a bean, resembling the silk-cotton of commerce, also found in Ashe, though both varieties are rather scarce. The minerals shown indicate gold, copper and iron.

Dog Days began on the 19th instant, and end on the 29th of August, lasting forty days. The ancients attributed the extreme heat of the season to the "raging" of Sirius, the dog star, as it emerges from the light of the sun and rises just about dawn in the constellation of the "greater dog," and sets with the sun. This is all mythical. With us the continued high position of the sun explains the heated term. That the early rising of Sirius has nothing to do with hot weather is proved as by the procession of the equinoxes the morning appearance of Sirius will ultimately occur in midwinter.

Mr. Sam. Everett has placed at J. W. Burke & Co's, Macon, Georgia, a handsome photograph of the exhibit which the Salem Female Academy, of Salem, N. C., made at the State Exposition in Raleigh, last winter. It is a photograph of the different works of art taught in that time-honored and popular institution, embracing oil paintings, pastels, crayons, wax, handsome embroideries, etc., beautifully grouped.

The Salem Hotel is being repainted and the long cool verandas have a fresh appearance. A new lamp illuminates the upper entrance. We are pleased to see this improvement. A croquet ground has been prepared under the shade of the large mulberry tree in rear of the building. This, with the mineral spring near by, makes the old hotel a most desirable resort for summer boarders and transient visitors to our ancient town. A few days spent in the classic shades of old Salem will be a pleasant summer memory for old and young. The traveling public should by all means give this house a trial.

In this age of "trashy" literature, when the country is flooded with cheap books, cheap in every sense of the word and the great mass of readers have to choose either this demoralizing reading, or dry, technical works that even college graduates often do not understand, the appearance of such a work as Kings of Capital and Knights of Labor, a work treating of the points at issue between capital and labor, and reviewing all the world's "great questions for the past ten years," is most opportune. Every one should read it.

Masters Oscar Sheppard and Bob Nissen were in Wilkes County last week on a business trip for Geo. E. Nissen & Co's. Wagon Manufactury, delivering several new wagons. Bob informs us they had a delightful time among the hills of Wilkes. Among other places of interest they visited Moravian Falls, where there is a flourishing school during the winter and spring. They report crops fair, the tobacco crop being the finest ever seen in that county. The corn on Mr. J. C. Conrad's Yadkin river bottom is the finest for many years. Watermelons show their striped and dark green sides all along the sand banks of the noble old Yadkin. We are pleased to see our young friends so observant as they travel along. Keep on this way through life and you are bound to succeed.

An omnibus, between Winston and Salem, is one of the necessities of the two towns. An hourly trip between the Salem Hotel and Court House Square would soon be a self-sustaining investment, with a good prospect for future profit. Of course for the first six months or so it might not be profitable, but might pay expenses and leave a reasonable margin in the end. It is the more necessary now since we have two hotels in Salem, as many boarders at these hotels would ride up and down. The mineral spring is another inducement for travel. Hundreds who in the present heated term long for a cool drink of mineral water, just from the spring, are debared the pleasure and benefit. It is a wide difference to drink from the spring and have it brought to you in jugs, pitchers or buckets. Right from the spring is the best, and whoever establishes a line of stages will confer a lasting favor upon a large number of the citizens of upper Salem and the whole of Winston. Why will not some of the livery men give the matter a trial. The stages or carriages might run to the depot at train time, and thus add to the income of the line. Arrangements with the proprietors of the hotels might be made relative to the hack fare. We hope to see a line of stages running, and thus pave the way for a line of street cars all along Main Street, in the near future.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

LETTERS FROM OUR FRIENDS.

### KERNERSVILLE LETTER.

**Messrs. Editors:**—In looking round I noticed several things that may be strung as items for a letter. My neighbor, Rubin Rink, is making a further improvement in his lot in the way of a Brick Pig-Sye; when it is done he is going to put in some old fashioned "razor backs," and in that way improve the breed.

Mr. I. S. King is building a house in the middle of a corn field. He says he wants to get it done till the roasting ears get ripe, and then he can reach out at the window and get them for dinner.

Another store house has been moved up on main street and will be filled with goods, it is said, by some one from Greensboro. Mr. Davis, from Friendship, who lately built a new store house here and filled it, is getting a good trade; he knows how to draw custom and any one trading with him once is apt to go back again. Mr. Charley Colley, from Reidsville I believe, has located here as a watchmaker and jeweller, and is getting more work than he

can do; and it is said he is a first class workman and seems to be a nice man.

Going down town some time ago, I saw a canvas tent put up and concluded we were going to have a slight-of-hand show, but on examining, I saw in large letters, "Snyder's Picture Gallery," and on inquiring I found the operator to be a son of my old neighbor in Davidson, Mr. Keechen Snider; and the boy is a considerable improvement on his father in the way of good looks; and while he made quite an impression upon the hearts of the young ladies, as well as taking their pictures; and while he staid he had quite a run of business until he pretty well done up the town.

Down near the depot there is quite a lively time just now, by a company of stone cutters from Winston, headed by Mr. C. A. McGallard, preparing the rock steps for the new Methodist church, at Winston. It is said a company have leased Mr. J. W. Beard's Rock Quarry, near town, and are going to put up sheds and go into the business on a large scale. Today I was down there and one of the hands was missing and I asked what had become of him and some one said he was keeping "Blue Monday." I don't know what that means.

Last Tuesday evening I went to the depot to see Mr. Henry Null and his family pass on their way to Whiteside, in Indiana, where he is going to live; most all of Mrs. Null's people went there some years ago, and it will be a reunion much sooner than their part.

—Professor W. C. Kerr, who is at Asheville, continues very feeble. Prof. Holmes, of the State University, is in Asheville and will remain some time. He is there to aid Prof. Kerr in completing some of his work but the professor continues so weak nothing has as yet been done.

—On Tuesday, July 14th, Nathaniel J. Alston, died at the insane asylum at Blum, of inflammation of the bowels, at the age of 77 years. The remains were brought to Kerner'sville and interred.

Mr. Alston was a wealthy farmer of Chatham county, but for 25 years has been under treatment in the Raleigh insane asylum.—*Kernersville News*.

Lewis & Huff have just re-painted and sent home an Omnibus for the Central Hotel at Winston, and have another one on hand for the same place. Their work is getting a reputation in a great portion of this State and Virginia, and Mr. Huff ranks as a first class painter. The one sent speaks for itself and the other will when he is done.

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## OUR CLOCKS AND WATCHES.

### A BRIEF GLANCE AT THE HISTORY OF TIMEPIECES.

**Origin of Clocks and Watches—Sun-Dials and the Clepsydra—Time-keepers as Toys—The Turnip."**

Sun-dials were the first markers of time, but they were never quite to be relied on. The fact is, the sun is more irregular in his habits than many good and confounding people, and sometimes careless about getting up in time, and has been known to be as much as half an hour late in reaching noon. In the 365 days of the year he is right only four times, and so little dependence can be placed on him, that astronomers have had to invent a sun and make it mark the hour of noon. This is called "mean time," and is an invariable length, which is not the case with the solar day. Sun-dials might do very well for primitive man or for the shepherds of Arcadia, but mean time is the time of civilized life. By mean time the board of trade, the banks, the manufacturers and business houses are opened and closed; and if there is no punctuality possible, there is no secure dependence. For accurate mean time we make the watch and clock responsible and give the sun up as irremovable, for the clock's noon and the sun's coincide only four times in the year.

After the sun dial came the clepsydra or water clock, a transparent graduated vessel, filled with water, which was dropped or trickled through an aperture at the bottom. The intervals between the filling and emptying of the vessels, which, of course, varied with the size of the vessels, were called "watches." They were used in the Greek and Roman forums to time the speeches of the orators. One of Martin's epigrams ran: "A sun-dial, who drink water constantly during his harangue to drink from the clepsydra, and thus relieve his audience as well as himself. The hour glass is a modification of the clepsydra, substituting sand for water. Sun-dials and hour glasses mark the hours, but the forefathers before the Revelation. There were a few watches or clocks over in this country until after that time. Clocks were invented in the eleventh century, and were first supposed to have originated with the devil, but as the monasteries immediately adopted them, that idea was soon forgotten. They were very simple and clumsy contrivances. The pendulum was discovered by Galileo. "As untrustworthy as a town clock" is a proverb that has been long in vogue. Of the clocks in London Charles Lamb said they allowed him to "walk from the Strand to Temple Bar in no time and gain five minutes."

The watch was at first called a pocket clock, because it was still intended to be worn at the waist, and run by weights. The substitution of a spring for weights was made about 1550. The city of Nuremberg claims to be the place where watches were first made, and it is certain that at first and for many years they were called "Nuremberg art."

For a long time pocket watches were considered as the chief articles of luxury, and the ingenuity of the artisan was exerted to produce something novel or curious. All kinds of fantastic shapes were devised. Mary Queen of Scots had a watch shaped like a skull. Others were made like a cross, a bird, a tulip, or any astonishing form the maker could imagine. These were put in small boxes, in finger rings, in canes, in shirt studs, in bracelets, and even in saddles. In fact, the history of watches for nearly a century is a record of the whimsicalities and fertile ingenuity of watchmakers in accordance with the capricious and fantastic taste of the times. Finally, about a century ago, the watch as a time-keeper was evolved, and it took on its present settled form. There was that derided vegetable, and did not look beautiful-like a cross, a pear, or a flower."

"The watch," said a prominent jeweler to the *Herald* reporter, "has come to be one of the necessities of life, and like every other necessity of life, it can be bought at any price and in all qualities. I can sell you one for \$600, which, if you owned, would belie the stars were set by it, so accurately does it keep time, and you can buy one for \$2.50, which would hardly be capable of exacting its motions as a comet, and would be a watch by which you could guess the time of day. There is a Watchmakers and Jewelers Association in the United States, which meet annually. At our last meeting it was reported that the daily demand for watches in this country amounts to nearly one thousand. Some few years ago we imported watches to the value of over \$2,000,000, now our imports reach only about \$100,000, showing that American made watches have at last won the day.—*Chicago Herald*.

### What Evolution Teaches.

In one of the late sermons on "Evolution" by Henry Ward Beecher, he said that it taught that the creation was not accomplished in six days of twenty-four hours; that the work occupied ages; that nothing was at first created perfect, but has been going forward to perfection; that the earth itself was condensed from ether into a visible cloud form and increased in solidity through chemical processes; that animals, including man, being its first inhabitants. The earlier mammals were the marsupials, like the opossum and kangaroo; it was doubtful whether man came in the tertiary period or immediately subsequent. In this, Mr. Beecher said, he quoted from Professor Dana, and as thus stated, evolution was accepted by nearly per cent. of the working men of the world. He also taught in all advanced colleges and universities, and if east aside civilization would go back into chaos. To the fearful and timid he would say that while evolution was certain to oblige theology to reconstruct its system, it would take nothing away from the grand principle of religion. If man could change, religion would be adapted accordingly. Evolution would multiply the motives and facilities of righteousness, which was the design of the whole Bible. It would obliterate the distinctions between natural and revealed religion, both of which were the testimony of God.

### Inside Facts About Pocahontas.

Mr. John Esten Cooke, of Virginia, has made a searching investigation of the Pocahontas matter, and he is satisfied, from all the evidence to be had, that she was not a virgin, but a party of Indians in 1607, and married to the Indian capital on York river, where he had ordered her to be slain. Pocahontas intended to save him. She took Smith's head in her arms, so that it was impossible to beat out his brains without hitting her. Powhatan consented to spare the prisoner, and treated him kindly. Afterward Smith released some Indian prisoners, stating that it was for the sake of Pocahontas. He told his friends in Jamestown that Pocahontas had saved his life. In a letter to Queen Anne he said that he would be guilty of the "deadly poison of ingratitude" if he forgot the goodness of Pocahontas. Several letters were given to this girl credit for her rescue from death. It was on this account that Pocahontas was flattered received at the English court. After her marriage to Rolfe she was baptized, and lived "civilly and lovingly with her husband."

Remove the mildew from linen by wetting the spot, rubbing on chalk, and exposing it to the air. Diluted hartshorn will take out mildew from woollen stuffs.

### SELECT SIFTINGS.

Ceylon spiders weave webs so strong that a walking-stick, when thrown into it, is entangled among the meshes.

The London *Agricultural Gazette* is authority for the statement that "100 horses and slaughtered each week, the flesh cut into steaks, and sold as beef in the poorest neighborhoods of Manchester, England."

The Emperor of China never uses the first personal pronoun, but always speaks of himself as the "Solitary Man." The expression is only used in the inapproachable grandeur of the Son of Heaven.

A prize for heavy ears of corn, given by a Cincinnati gentleman, brought out sixty varieties of four ears each, and weighed from eight to fifteen pounds, the next heaviest fifty-one and one-half pounds. Entries to the number of eight.

To reflect on the misfortunes to which mankind in general are exposed greatly contributes to alleviate the weight of those which we ourselves endure.

You have a great good mind, a sound judgment, a vivid imagination, a wide reach of thought and views, but you can never become distinguished without severe application.

There is nothing innocent and good that dies and is forgotten; let us hold to that if faith or none. An infant, a prattling child, dying in the cradle, will live again in the better thoughts of those who loved it, and play its part, the spin of the growing napas; each nest containing a dozen female insects. Warmed by the tropic sun they soon emerge from malarial, it is a confession of ignorance of inability. The patient goes home. The change is total, and he feels better, more robust, and more cheerful. No ostrich patient is longer able to say "I cannot be cured." You get \$500 in case of failure.

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The Espanosa plantation of opuntia cochlinelloides includes a thousand acres and the modulus operandi of cultivating the insect is most curious. They require a certain care that is ordinarily bestowed upon the plants, but probably the operation is not more than some among crawling and wriggling creatures. During the last days of May immediately before the annual rains begin, great branches of cacti covered with the insects are cut off and stored in a building erected for the purpose to protect the insects from the weather. At the close of the wet season (about the middle of October) the plantations are restocked from these supplies by suspending little nests made of henkin, jute, mayne or any soft, wooly fiber, upon the spines of the growing napas; each nest containing a dozen female insects. It is natural for the insects to overwinter from malarial, it is a confession of ignorance of inability. The patient goes home. The change is total, and he feels better, more robust, and more cheerful. No ostrich patient is longer able to say "I cannot be cured." You get \$500 in case of failure.

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It is natural in his book.

ARTIFICIAL INFLAMMATION.

It is the young, the idle, the small minded, who are most prone to vex themselves about small things and outside things. As years advance and interests widen, we grow larger, and refuse to let minute evils destroy us, but, as in higher orders of existence, especially in women, we are more inclined to accept life as a whole in all its earnestness and reality, its beauty and sadness combined, weighs calmly and strikes bravely the balance of good and evil.

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